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C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 0545

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR ET US
SUBJ: ANTI-US DEMONSTRATION AT MAAG HEADQUARTERS

1. AT 10:30 HOURS JAN 31 GROUP OF 60-70 YOUTHFUL DOMONSTRATORS
SUDDENLY APPEARED IN ALLEYWAY NEXT TO ONE OF MAAG HEADQUARTERS
BUILDINGS AND THREW THREE KEROSENE BOMBS AND SOME ROCKS. ONE
BOMB BROKE WINDOW AND LANDED IN MAAG CHIEF OF STAFF'S OFFICE,
CUASING FUME AND SPRAYING DAMAGE, BUT DID NOT IGNITE. OTHER
TWO, ON OF WHICH IGNTED, LANDED OUTSIDE ON LAWN, CUASING NO
DAMAGE TO BUILDING. NONE OF MAAG STAFF WAS INJURED BY ATTACK.

2. TWO POLICE GUARDS ON SCENE PROMPTLY CHASED AND DSIPERSED
DEMONSTRATORS, FIRING THREE OR FOUR SHOTS IN AIR, BUT WERE
UUNSCCESSFUL IN APPREHENDING THEM. ADDITIONAL POLICE ASSISTANCE
ARRIVE AT SCENE WITHIN 15 MINIUTES, AND ETHIOPIAN MILITARY
ALSO SENT MOTORIZED PATROLS AT 1100. SITUATION HAS SINCE RE-
TURNED TO NORMAL. LEAFLETS AND BANNER DROPPED CONTAINED ANTI-
FASCIST, ANTI-EDU, AND ANTI-ALL ETHIOPAIN TRADE UNION SLO-
GANS, AND ARE APPARENTLY OF EPRP ORIGIN, ALTHOUGH WE ARE
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STILL CHECKING.

3. ATTACK STRONGLY RESEBLBLES ATTACK ON USIS JAN.28, EXCEPT
THAT THIS ONE WAS DISPERSED VERY QUICKLY BY POLICE. LETERA-
TURE LEFT BEHIND IS VERY SIMILAR (SOME OF IT EPRP AND ANTI-
EDU). EMBASSY ALSO RECEIVED REPORTS THAT DEMONSTRATION
MIGHT BE HELD SOMETIME TODAY AT EMBASSY CONPOUND. WE HAVE

TAKEN PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES AND HAVE REQUESTED EXTRA POLICE
GUARDS AT ALL USG BUILDINGS IN ADDIS . I SHALL BE SEEING MOFA
AMERICAN AFFAIRS DIRECTOR TO DISCUSS BOTH FRIDAY'S AND TODAY'S
DEMONSTRATIONS THIS AFTERNOON. REMAINDER OF CITY SEEMS
RELATIVELY QUIET TODAY, ALTHOUGH STUDENT BOYCOTTING ACTIVITY
IS APPARENTLY CONTINUING.
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